

Me899 lecture 06 - small-scale fluid flows

As scale decreases, surface/volume increases so friction increases

→ slip counteracts this

Knudsen number = quantifies importance of slip

$$Kn = \frac{\lambda}{L_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda \text{ --- mean free path} \\ L_0 \text{ --- length scale} \end{array} \quad \text{gases}$$

$$Kn = \frac{b}{L_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} b \text{ --- slip length} \end{array} \quad \text{liquids}$$

e.g., $L_0 = \text{pipe diameter}$

start from the ideal gas law,

$$p = n k_B T$$

k_B Boltzmann's constant, $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$
 n # density = $2.7 \times 10^{25} / \text{m}^3$

$$\text{mean molecular spacing, } d \propto n^{-1/3} \approx 3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 3 \text{ nm}$$

$$d = \text{hard sphere diameter} \approx 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

so we define a "dilute gas" $\Rightarrow d/d \gg 1$

\Rightarrow mostly atom-atom collisions

rather than multi-atom collisions

gas mean free path

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\pi d^2 n \sqrt{2}} = \frac{kT}{\pi P d^2 \sqrt{2}}, \quad \text{substituting the ideal gas law}$$

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 hard sphere diameter $f(\text{pressure})$

flow regimes:

$$Kn < 0.01 = \text{continuum (no slip)}$$

$$0.01 < Kn < 0.1 = \text{slip}$$

$$0.1 < Kn < 10 = \text{transition}$$

$$Kn > 10 = \text{"free molecule"} \sim \text{macroscopic property meanings break down}$$

\Rightarrow direct simulations of Boltzmann equation

example of λ : air @ 1 atm, 300 K, $\lambda = 65 \text{ nm}$

0.001 atm, 300 K, $\lambda = 65 \mu\text{m}!$

1 atm, 1200 K, $\lambda = 2.6 \mu\text{m}$



microchannel $< 250 \mu\text{m}$
is in slip regime

Navier-Stokes eqns for unsteady incompressible flow

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \nu^2 \nabla^2 \vec{v} + f, \quad \nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

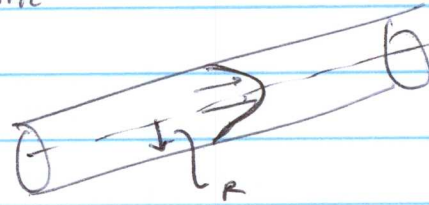
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

⇒ let's quantify the effect of slip on friction in a small pipe

flow is 1-dimensional, θ -symmetric

reduced N/S eqn.

$$+\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dv(r)}{dr} \right)$$



$\rightarrow z$

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = \text{constant}$$

steady, fully-developed flow

solve for velocity profile in the pipe, $v(r)$

tangential velocity is neglected here

$$\iint + \frac{r}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} = \iint \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dv(r)}{dr} \right)$$

$$\int \left(\frac{+r^2 \frac{dp}{dz} + c}{2\mu} \right) = \int \frac{dv(r)}{dr}$$

$$\frac{+r^2 \frac{dp}{dz} + c}{4\mu} + D = v(r) \quad \Rightarrow v(0) \text{ is finite so } c=0$$

$$\text{for no-slip, } v(R) = 0, \text{ so } D = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz}$$

no slip, incompressible

$$\Rightarrow v_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} (R^2 - r^2)$$

Flow rate, $q = \int_A v(r) dA = 2\pi \int_0^R r v dr = -\frac{dp}{dz} \left(\frac{\pi R^4}{8\mu} \right)$

\Rightarrow pressure gradient $\frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{-8\mu q}{\pi R^4}$

$q = \bar{v} A \propto \bar{v} R^2$, so

$\frac{dp}{dz} \propto \frac{\bar{v}}{R^2}$

at identical average \bar{v} ,
pressure drop goes as $\frac{1}{R^2}$

now consider slip, $v(R) = -s \frac{dv}{dr} \Big|_R$

slip coefficient

$$v(r) = \frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} r^2 + c$$

$$v(R) = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} + c = -s \left(\frac{R}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \left(\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left(\frac{R^2}{4} + \frac{sR}{2} \right)$$

slip contribution

$$\Rightarrow v_{s,i} = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \left(\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left(R^2 - r^2 + 2sR \right)$$

$$Q = \int_A v(r) dA = 2\pi \int_0^R r v dr = \left(-\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left(-\frac{R^4}{4} + \frac{R^4}{2} + sR^2 \right) (2\pi)$$

$$Q = -\pi \frac{dp}{dz} \left(\frac{R^4}{8\mu} + \frac{sR^2}{2\mu} \right)$$

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{-Q}{\frac{\pi}{8} \left(\frac{R^4}{\mu} + \frac{sR^2}{2} \right)}$$

if ρ is identical, $\frac{dp}{dz}$ is lower with slip as $s \rightarrow \infty$ or $\frac{dp}{dz} \rightarrow 0$.

for liquids, $s = b = \text{slip length}$.

for gases, $s = \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} = \text{ratio of internal friction to wall friction}$

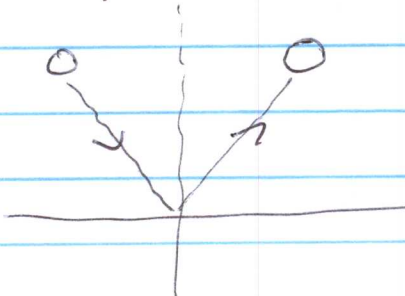
$$\frac{\mu}{\epsilon} = \frac{\mu}{P} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2P_u T_w}} \left(\frac{2 - \delta_v}{\delta_v} \right)$$

$\left(\frac{2 - \delta_v}{\delta_v} \right)$ ← top of wall
 $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2P_u T_w}}$ ← universal gas constant

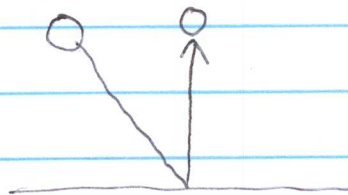
$$\delta_v = \frac{z_i - z_r}{z_i} = \text{tangential momentum accommodation coefficient}$$

$i = \text{incident}, r = \text{reflected}$

$\delta_v = 0$, specular.



$\delta_v = 1$, diffuse



most gases, $b_v = 0.25 - 0.05$, (Arkilic et al)

see figs 5.4, 5.5, 5.7 for quantification of these effects

Kornadakis + Beskok propose a 'unified flow model'

for $Kn > 0.1$, such that

$$v(r) = \left(\frac{2-b_v}{6v} \right) \left(\frac{Kn}{1-bKn} 2P \frac{dv}{dr} \Big|_R \right)$$

$$\mu_c = \mu \left(\frac{1}{1+Kn} \right) \rightarrow \text{corrected viscosity}$$

in both slip and unified models, we can also consider gas compressibility, by substituting the ideal gas law.

$$p(z) = \frac{p(z)}{R_g T}$$

specific gas constant

and instead of volume, we must conserve mass flow.

$$\dot{M} = 2\pi p(z) \int_0^R r v(r) dr, \quad \text{if no-slip case then}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{differential equation, } p(z) \frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{-8\mu R_g T}{\pi R^4}$$

and can show eventually that

$$\frac{\dot{M}_{n,e}}{\dot{M}_{n,i}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{P_i}{P_o} + 1 \right)$$

inlet pressure

outlet pressure

no-slip, ratio of mass flows for identical P_i, P_o